

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled) Claims 1 – 13.
14. (New) A method for reducing fluid logs in a well base comprising:
 - preparing a pill of drilling fluid comprising crumb rubber particles, said particles having a diameter of from about 400 to about 4000 microns;
 - introducing said pill into the region of said well base where fluid loss occurs;
 - peeling the region of fluid loss by expanding the crumb rubber particles to greater than their original size.
15. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein said crumb rubber particles expand up to 140% of their original size.
16. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein the expansion of said particles is caused by the absorption of hydrocarbons by the crumb rubber particles.